

Schedule of weekend events



Friday, October 29

Bell Ringing, 11 am Walkout Day celebration, 11 am Homecoming Golf Classic, noon Flag Raising Ceremony, 2pm Variety Show 7pm Volleyball game, 7pm

Saturday, October 30

Parade, 9am Bearcat zone, 11:30am Soccer game, 11:30am Football game, 2pm Volleyball game, 5:30

Sunday, October 31

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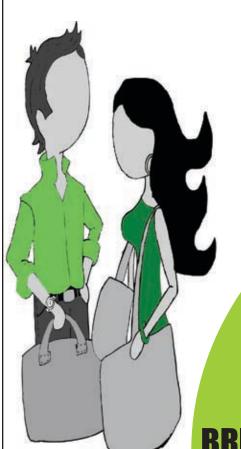
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MEMBERS OF ALPHA Kappa Lambda roll by, dressed as the Flintstones last homecoming.

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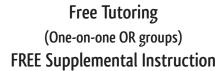
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One tradition provides a variety of talent, laughs

BY AUSTIN BUCKNERManaging Editor

Homecoming weekend kicks off at 7 p.m. tonight in the Ron Houston Center for the Performing Arts.

Each year, the variety show brings together students, faculty members and campus organizations for a night of relaxation and entertainment.

Director of Campus Activities Angel McAdams said the show has been a long-standing homecoming tradition for over two decades.

"The homecoming variety show has been going on every year for at least over 20 years," McAdams said. "It has always been successful."

Highlighted by a variety of talents,

the show features a number of musical, comedic and theatrical acts and skits. The skits are traditionally performed by Greek organizations, but solo acts also share the spotlight. Variety show emcee Cherece Milton said she is excited to see all of the acts participating this year.

"Last year was the first time a minority group performed," Milton said in reference to the Zeta Phi Beta sorority's skit. "I'm anxious to work with the different acts that are scheduled for the show this year."

Tickets for the event are \$5 for orchestra seating and \$3 for balcony seating. They can be purchased with cash or by charging the ticket to a Bearcat Card at the student services desk on the first floor of the Administration Building.



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TAU KAPPA EPSILON members Taylor Flora and Cole Deshler and Phi Mu Member Meg Keathley perform in last year's skit about old toys in theraphy at the Variety Show. Last year's Homecoming theme was "To Be A Kid Again" where most floats and skits were decorated with the idea of kid shows and toys.





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Laura Widmer named grand marshal

BY AUSTIN BUCKNER **Managing Editor**

Since first coming to Northwest in 1983, Laura Widmer has rarely missed Homecoming. Last year, the assistant professor and Student Publications director was forced to spend Homecoming weekend in bed at North Kansas City Hospital.

"Last year I contracted H1N1," Widmer explained. "It attacked my lungs and my heart. I was in North Kansas City Hospital for 17 days in Oct. / Nov., and then I've had two more stints since then."

On Thursday, Oct. 21, Widmer wasnamedthisyear's Homecoming parade grand marshal. Widmer said it is an honor to be named the grand marshal this year, after missing last year's festivities and battling an illness for over a year.

"That Friday and Saturday of Homecoming (last year) was when I was very, very sick and it was very, very scary," Widmer said. "Just to be blessed to survive that and now to the next Homecoming, I missed last year and I rarely miss homecoming, the following year to be named grand marshal is even more special. It'll be great to celebrate in a whole different way."

Widmer said her selection as grand marshal is also special because of the student and colleague led initiative to nominate

"It means more because I didn't have a clue what was going on," Widmer explained. "There was a Facebook group started and this whole underground nomination thing going on. That's what made it even better, that it was generated

by students and former students who cared enough to vote and send in my nomination. Even some of my colleagues and friends chimed in. That's what makes it more special, that it was by students and colleagues who thought it would be a great thing. It is a great thing."

Sudhoff, communications department chair, said he is happy Widmer's service to the University is being celebrated at this year's Homecoming parade.

"I look at her service to the University," Sudhoff said. "I look at the contributions she has made to this department and especially the Student Publications. All the things she has done for this institution over the years, I think it's a well deserved honor for her to be recognized as grand marshal."

A proud Bearcat, Widmer said



ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF Mass Communications Laura Widmer shows sports editor Tony Botts a video package by another university. Widmer is the Student Publications' adivsor and this year's grand marshall in the Homecoming parade

she is grateful of the grand marshal title, because it truly represents the spirit of the University.

"Not only is Northwest where I work, but Northwest is home," Widmer said. "It's home for the people who work here, the students who come here to go to school and

the students who graduate from here. It's family, and people care about each other. So many people were behind me when I got sick, and now people are just as happy that I've been named grand marshal. It's that spirit and that oneness that just makes this an honor."

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omecoming Parade Route

PHI SIGMA KAPPA member Derric O'Dell guides his friend dressed as Optimus Prime down the street during last year's Homecoming Parade. The fraternity made giant heads of different movie characters. LORI FRAN-KENFIELD | **PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR**



The Homecoming parade will start at the corner of Ray Avenue and College Avenue and will proceed east to the main University entrance at Fourth Street. The parade will travel across Main Street to the Square and then turn North on Market Street.

The parade route officially ends at Fourth Street and Market Street.

Bleacher seating will be located at the corner of Munn and College Avenues, College Avenue near Colden Pond, and College Avenue and Fourth Street at the campus's main entrance. There will be four performance spots along the route at the grand stand near the corner of College Avenue and University Drive, the corner of Walnut and Fourth streets, the corner Mulberry and Fourth streets, and the square on Fourth streets.



LORI FRANKENFIELD | PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR TROMBONISTS IN THE Bearcat Marching Band play the fight song in the Homecoming Parade last year. Last year's Homecoming theme was "Be A Kid Again."

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Homecoming game highlights festivities

BY TONY BOTTSSports Editor

Every year, Homecoming presents the traditional events and happenings on campus, capped off by the proud tradition of the keynote event: the Homecoming game.

The Bearcats, in recent years, welcomed the large crowds filled with current Bearcats and their families, as well as alumni making the trip back to the town where they spent many semesters during their undergraduate and graduate years.

In the last 10 years, the 'Cats have claimed nine wins on Homecoming Saturdays, losing only to Truman State in 2001,

23-24, during the span.

Head coach Mel Tjeerdsma and the 'Cats have outscored their opponents 434-150. Tjeerdsma alone has lost two Homecoming games during his 17-year term with the Bearcats.

Last year's game nearly made it three losses, as the 'Cats edged the Ichabods of Washburn 22-19 in overtime in front of 8,704 fans. The game ended when former 'Cats running back LaRon Council broke the goal line with the team down three points following Washburn's field goal during their overtime possession.

Quarterback Blake Bolles and the offense racked up 454 yards of total offense against the Ichabod defense. Bolles



FILE PHOTO

SENIOR CORNERBACK RYAN Jones gets dragged down by Washburn offensive players after nabbing an interception in last year's homecoming game. The 'Cats went on to win the game 22-19 in overtime.

alone accounted for 367 passing vards.

Wide receiver Jake Soy hauled in 10 passes from Bolles for 99 yards and Council also snagged 10 tosses from the signal caller.

This year, the Tigers of Fort Hays State come to town, a familiar opponent on the tradition filled weekend. This will be the third meeting between the two teams in the 10 game span on Northwest's Homecoming day.

2009 Homecoming Game Recap



Washburn 19



Individual Leaders

Rushing (Att.-Yds.-TD):

NW: Council (23-81-1)

WU: Cooper (19-48-1)

Passing: (C-A-TD-I-Yds):

NW: Bolles (37-50-1-1-367)

WU: Simoneau (20-39-0-2-251)

Receiving: (Rec.-Yds.-TD):

NW: Shaw (6-126-1) WU: Powers (8-131-0)









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Today you're in one of two camps; it all depends on your relationship to Jesus Christ. You can both believe and look in faith to Jesus, who died for you on the cross; or you can continue going on as you are. It's an amazing thing—to be lost; you don't have to do anything. Just keep on doing what you're doing now and you will perish.

But, if you look to the cross and believe in the One who died for your sins, then the free gift of God is yours... The gift of eternal life.

The Bible says:

- ❖ For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God—Romans 323
- * Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out—Acts 3:19
- For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life—John 3:16
- ❖ If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved—Romans 10:9

If you want a personal relationship with God and the assurance that your sins have been forgiven, here is a suggested prayer...

Father, I come to you, confessing my sin and asking for your forgiveness. I thank you, Lord, for You have promised that if I will confess my sins, You will be faithful to forgive me and cleanse me from all unrighteousness. I want to turn from my sins, and live in a way that will please You. And so I ask for your help, Lord. I ask that you give me the power through your Holy Spirit to live the right way. I thank you that Jesus Christ died on the cross, paying the price for my sins, and then rose from the dead. I accept Him now as my Savior, my Lord, and my friend. I also thank You, because You've said that whoever comes to You, You will in no way cast out. Thank you for giving me a new life in Christ. I surrender myself to you. Make me what you want me to be in Jesus' name. Amen.

What Next?

If you have decided to accept Jesus Christ as your savior, you are now born again. Here are a few things that will help you to grow as a Christian...

PRAY—prayer is like a telephone line that goes directly to God. It's important to spend time talking to Him every day, the more the better (Philippians 4:6).

READ THE BIBLE—the Bible is like a love letter from God. The more you read it, the more you'll fall in love with Him (1 Peter 2:2).

FELLOWSHIP—you need to have friends who share your beliefs and who can encourage you. This is why it's so important to find a good, Bible-believing church where you can meet other Christians (Hebrews 10:24-25).

WITNESS TO OTHERS—share your faith in Jesus Christ with others. Pray that the Lord will reveal how you should witness and when (Mark 16:15).

God bless you, and we pray that you continue to grow closer to the Lord everyday!

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Homecoming royalty candidates share their favorite part of homecoming



Amy Schafer

"My favorite part of Homecoming is the parade, because the floats are done and everyone can just relax. It's a mix of emotions – some people are excited and others are on edge."



Elise Jones

"I like the time right before the parade starts because everyone is so tired, but once it starts everyone's energy level just goes up."



Kelsi Jo Franklin

"I love all of the school spirit and school pride that is so evident this week. Everyone's time and effort is what truly makes Northwest's Homecoming so great, and it is something that you definitely have to experience to understand."



Molly Ramsey

"My favorite thing is how the community and University come together for a great week of festivities. Homecoming is my favorite time of the year at Northwest. There is no other weekend like it and I can't wait to be a part of it this year."



Laura Yeager

"My favorite part is seeing everyone come together as a university community to support Northwest. It is exciting to see organizations show their pride for not only their organization but also for Northwest overall."



Brandon Clark

"My favorite thing is the Walk Out day celebration. Not only do we get to participate in the awesome tradition of having no classes before the game, it is exciting to see everyone on campus having fun and participating in Homecoming activities."



Brian Bosiljevac

My favorite part is walk out day. Having no classes is great and everyone is frantically working to get float and clowns done. It is just exciting to be so close to the parade.



Jordan McCrady

My favorite thing about Homecoming is seeing the floats. They are always extremely immaculate! I tip my hat to all the organizations that log the hours to create them.



Patrick Solomon

"My favorite part is getting the chance to participate in Sigma Phi Epsilon's Up and Down for Down syndrome event to raise money for Down Syndrome Guild of Greater Kansas City. I have never had more fun raising money for a good cause."



Quentin Templeton

"I think it solidifies the fact that the Northwest family – the alumni based and community based support – is incredible. I've never seen another community that (homecoming) is such a draw for community members. "



President and alumni house welcome all bearcats

Greetings students,

I hope you have been enjoying this week's Homecoming festivities. There has been plenty to celebrate this week, and come to think of it, we are just getting started.

While many of our activities lead up to Saturday's big football game, there is so much more to our Homecoming traditions. Take them all in – attend the volleyball and soccer matches, enjoy the Variety Show, honor the diversity of our campus at Friday's flag-raising ceremony and show your Bearcat pride at Saturday's parade. I also must admit, I have enjoyed seeing your artistic talents on the banners hung on the Union and your unique creations in the canned art contest.

Do not forget, Friday's Walkout Day includes the ringing of the Bell of '48 at 11 a.m. In the past, the Walkout Day bell ringing has occurred at 8:30 a.m., but I understand that

may not be the best time for some of you. By moving it to 11 a.m., we hope you will join us in this longstanding Northwest tradition and then enjoy the Walkout Day celebration activities for all students near Colden Pond immediately following the bell ringing.

I also want to express my gratitude to each of you for making this year's Homecoming celebration such a tremendous success. The planning, time, talent and commitment you put into this annual event does not go unnoticed and is certainly appreciated. Without your efforts, Northwest's Homecoming would not be the festive celebration that keeps alumni returning to campus each fall and makes our community and campus burst with pride.

Please have a safe and enjoyable Homecoming.

Sincerely, Dr. John Jasinski President

Welcome alumni,

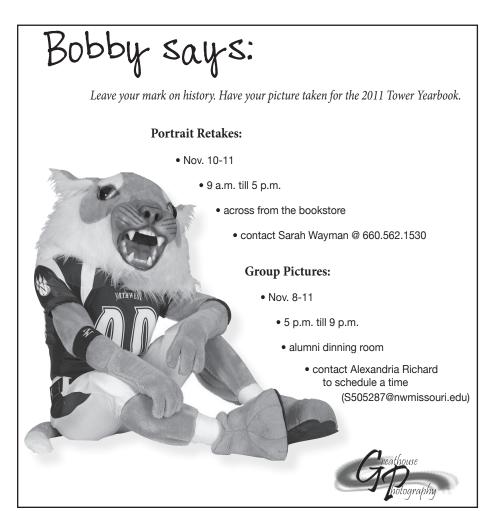
Homecoming is a time-honored tradition of welcoming back alumni and friends of an institution, and it is only fitting that Homecoming at Northwest is indeed a very special time.

In addition to the many activities associated with Homecoming, it is a chance to renew friendships, reminisce about "the good old days" and enjoy the enthusiasm and talents of the current generation of Bearcats. Those often-spoken words during Homecoming, "Well, I haven't seen you in years!" are usually followed by handshakes and hugs that make Northwest Homecoming all that much more extraordinary. The "Northwest Family" is a phrase we frequently hear on campus as well as

at the many alumni events that take place away from campus, and Homecoming is just another avenue of proof of that adage.

I hope you have had a chance to take part in many of the Homecoming activities and to renew those relationships that may have been made several years ago at Northwest. Homecoming is a chance to demonstrate that Northwest truly is a family and to feel that pride and passion of being a Bearcat. I trust that this Homecoming will renew your excitement for the Green and White and that the words "once a Bearcat, always a Bearcat" will become even more meaningful to you.

Sincerely, Steve Sutton Director of Alumni Relations



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Quiz Answers

- 1) C- 1924
- 2) B- Bobby Bearcat near the Bell Tower
- 3) A- Delta Chi
- 4) D- The Wonderful World of Northwest
- **5)** A- 1990
- 6) A-1975
- **7)** C- There was a snowstorm
- 8) B- Don Black Award

Grading Scale

Welcome to Northwest.
Are you new here?

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You need to brush up on some history

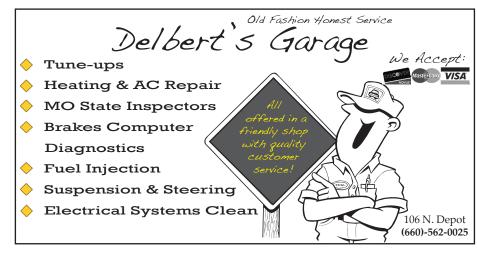
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Looks like someone knows B.D. from J.W., but you are no Coach T

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